

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 36-39 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling no claims. Claims 1, 36 and 39 have been amended. No new claims have been added. As a result, claims 1-16 and 36-39 are pending for examination with claims 1, 36 and 39 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 36 and 39 have been amended to correct typographical errors believed by the undersigned to have no impact on the scope of the claims. In addition, the undersigned believes that these amendments require no more than a cursory review and do not introduce any issues which would require further consideration or search. Thus, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions in this regard, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to discuss these amendments.

CONCLUSION

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this Amendment, including an extension fee that is not covered by any accompanying payment, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762, Ref. No. A2000-718710.

Respectfully submitted,

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